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FROM INGERSOLL.

1. IN MY JUNE 13 APPEARANCE BEFORE HFAC, CONGRESSMAN FRASER
RAISED SERIES OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING DEPT FOLLOW-UP INEA
AREAS ON SECTION 32 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT AND ON STATUS
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OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH KOREA. SUBSEQUENT DEPT AND AID

WITNESSES TESTIFYING ON AID BILL HAVE ALSO BEEN QUESTIONED EXTENSIVELY ON SECTION 32 AND HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS. SUBSEQUENTLY, IN MARKING UP MY JUNE 13 TESTIMONY, WE INSERTED INTO THE RECORD STATEMENTS ON QUOTE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTION O' SECTION 32 UNQUOTE AND ON QUOTE HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA UNQUOTE. ON JUNE 27 I SENT TO DR. MORGAN, CHAIRMAN HFAC, A LETTER DESCRIBING DEPT'S POSITION ON SECTION 32 AND ACTIONS THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN. (COPIES OF THESE STATEMENTS ARE BEING FORWARDED TO YOU BY POUCH.)

2. ON JUNE 28, GOVERNOR HOLTON AND I MET PRIVATELY WITH CONGRESSMAN FRASER TO REVIEW THE SAME GROUND. THE MEETING WAS CORDIAL, WITH FRASER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR RESPONSIVENESS OF DEPT. TO HIS CONCERNS IN FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE PROMISED TO PROVIDE ME A COPY OF AMENDMENT HE WAS PLANNING TO OFFER TO FY 75 FAA, DESIGNED TO GIVE EXECUTIVE BRANCH GREATER LEVERAGE OVER AID-RECIPIENT

COUNTRIES HOLDING POLITICAL PRISONERS. (TEXT OF THIS AMENDMENT WILL BE PROVIDED TO FIELD IF AND WHEN IT IS SUBMITTED BY CONGRESSMAN FRASER; OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT HE HAS NOT YET PREPARED LANGUAGE OF AMENDMENT.)

3. CONCURRENTLY, EA AUTHORIZED ADDRESSEE POSTS ON JUNE 24 (STATE 135799) TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF SECTION 32 AND REPORT REACTION. OTHER REGIONAL BUREAUS ARE IN PROCESS OF TAKING SIMILAR STEPS. DEPT'S INTENTION IS TO EXAMINE RESPONSES FROM POSTS AND CONSIDER WHAT FURTHER STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN. I INTEND TO PROVIDE THE HFAC AN INTERIM REPORT ON THIS EVALUATION THROUGH ANOTHER LETTER TO DR. MORGAN, HOPEFULLY WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. (HFAC MARK-UP OF THE AID BILL IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE LATER THIS MONTH WITH HOUSE FLOOR ACTION SLATED FOR COMPLETION BEFORE CONGRESS RECESSES IN LATE AUGUST.) WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OR COMMENTS THAT POSTS MAY HAVE WHICH THEY BELIEVE WOULD BE USEFUL IN DEPT'S EVALUATION AND MY LETTER TO DR. MORGAN.

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